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In the Claims:

Claims 1-23, 25-28, and 30-37 are cancelled.

- 24. (Currently Amended) The A synthetic mammalian expression plasmid of claim 1, wherein the codon optimized eukaryotic therapeutic gene sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 7 for plasmid mediated gene supplementation in a species comprising:
 - (a) a synthetic or eukaryotic promoter comprising SEQ ID NO: 15;
- (b) a codon-optimized-eukaryotic therapeutic gene sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 7 and having at least one codon modification specific to the species;
 - (c) a polyadenylation signal;
 - (d) <u>a selectable marker gene sequence</u>;
 - (e) a ribosomal binding site;
 - (f) a promoter for the selectable marker gene sequence; and
 - (g) an origin of replication;

wherein the synthetic or eukaryotic promoter, the codon-optimized-eukaryotic therapeutic gene sequence, and the polyadenylation signal comprise therapeutic elements of the synthetic mammalian expression plasmid; the therapeutic elements are operatively linked and located in a first operatively-linked arrangement; the selectable marker gene promoter, the ribosomal binding site, the selectable marker gene sequence, and the origin of replication comprise replication elements of the synthetic mammalian expression plasmid; the replication elements are operatively linked and located in a second operatively-linked arrangement; the first-operatively-linked arrangement and the second-operatively-linked arrangement comprise a circular structure of the synthetic mammalian expression plasmid; and the synthetic mammalian expression plasmid is utilized for plasmid mediated gene supplementation in the species.

29. (Currently Amended) A synthetic mammalian expression plasmid comprising SEQID#19 SEQ ID NO: 19.

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